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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-20 (Cancelled).

21. (currently amended) A coupling comprising:

first and second generally tubular members each having a sealing end face, a raised, annular sealing bead, an inner bore, and a frictional surface located radially outward of said sealing bead, said tubular members being generally coaxially arranged such that said sealing faces face each other; and

a sealing gasket captured between said sealing beads for sealing said coupling, wherein said frictional surfaces ~~engage~~ surface engages said sealing gasket to prevent relative rotation between said tubular members;

wherein said sealing gasket includes a sealing surface that contacts said sealing beads of said tubular members and an anti-rotation surface that contacts said frictional surfaces surface of said tubular members, ~~wherein said sealing surface and anti-rotation surface are co-planar upon assembly of the coupling.~~

22. (currently amended) The coupling of claim 21 wherein said frictional surfaces ~~have~~ surface has raised protrusions.

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23. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 22 wherein said raised protrusions are formed by knurling.

24. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 23 wherein said knurling extends generally radially.

25. (cancelled)

26. (currently amended) The coupling of claim 25 38 wherein each pin extends axially forwardly a distance slightly greater than its respective bead.

27. (currently amended) The coupling of claim 25 38 wherein said pins are generally equally radially spaced.

28. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 21 wherein said first tubular member includes a generally radially-extending flange received in a groove on said second tubular member, wherein said flange extends forwardly from said sealing face of said first tubular member.

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29. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 28 wherein said flange has a taper portion that reduces in thickness in an axial direction, and therein said groove is correspondingly tapered to closely receive said flange.

30. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 28 further comprising a second groove on said second tubular member and a second flange on said first tubular member, said second flange being disposed in said second groove.

31. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 28 wherein said groove and said flange are located radially outward of said gasket.

32. (currently amended) The gland for use in a coupling assembly, wherein said gland includes:

a sealing end face, a raised annular sealing bead and an inner bore; and
a frictional surface located radially outward of said bead; wherein said sealing end face and sealing bead form a sealing surface and said frictional surface forms a an anti-rotation surface, and wherein said sealing surface and said anti-friction surface are generally co-planar upon engagement with a sealing gasket.

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33. (currently amended) The gland of claim 32 wherein said frictional surface has have raised protrusions.

34. (previously presented) The gland of claim 33 wherein said raised protrusions are formed by knurling.

35. (previously presented) A coupling comprising:

a first tubular member and a second tubular member, each of said tubular member including a raised annular sealing bead and a frictional surface located radially outward from said sealing bead; and

a gasket of generally uniform thickness;

wherein said annular sealing beads contact said gasket to form a sealing surface and said frictional surface contacts said gasket to form an anti-rotation surface; and wherein said sealing surface and said anti-rotation surface are generally co-planar upon assembly of the coupling.

36. (new) The coupling of claim 21 wherein said frictional surface is slightly recessed from said sealing beads.

37. (new) The coupling of claim 21 wherein said frictional surface is coplanar with said sealing beads.

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38. (new) A coupling comprising:

first and second generally tubular members each having a sealing end face, a raised, annular sealing bead, an inner bore, and a frictional surface located radially outward of said sealing bead, said tubular members being generally coaxially arranged such that said sealing faces face each other; and

a sealing gasket captured between said sealing beads for sealing said coupling, wherein said frictional surface engages said sealing gasket to prevent relative rotation between said tubular members;

wherein said sealing gasket includes a sealing surface that contacts said sealing beads of said tubular members and an anti-rotation surface that contacts said frictional surface of said tubular members, wherein said frictional surface comprises a plurality of axially-extending pins.

39. (new) A coupling comprising:

first and second generally tubular members each having a sealing end face, a raised, annular sealing bead, an inner bore, and a frictional surface located radially outward of said sealing bead, said tubular members being generally coaxially arranged such that said sealing faces face each other; and

a sealing gasket captured between said sealing beads for sealing said coupling, wherein said frictional surface engage said sealing gasket to prevent relative rotation between said tubular members;

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wherein said sealing gasket includes a sealing surface that contacts said sealing beads of said tubular members and an anti-rotation surface that contacts said frictional surface of said tubular members, wherein said first tubular member includes a generally radially-extending flange received in a groove on said second tubular member, wherein said flange extends forwardly from said sealing face of said first tubular member.